+ Fast Facts on American Fathers

The average age at which men became fathers has increased to 27.5. Men are, on average, about three years older than women when their first child is born. (FP-19-28)

Most childless men expect to be fathers. In 2017, 76% of childless men expected to have a child and 34% of fathers expected to have another child. (FP-21-14)

On average, fathers at the end of their childbearing years (aged 40 to 44) had 1.8 children. (FP-19-29)

The mean age at first birth for men was highest among Whites (28.5) and lowest among Hispanics (25.4). (FP-19-28)

Nearly one-quarter (22%) of fathers lived apart from at least one of their children; 78% of fathers lived with all their children. (FP-22-22)

The proportion of married men who had a child before their first marriage increased from 19% among men married in the 1990s to 27% in the 2010s. (FP-20-14)

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FP-23-22  Children’s Co-Residence with Mothers and Fathers, 2022

FP-23-21  Maternal and Paternal Age: Births to Individuals Aged 40 and Older, 2016-2021

FP-23-20  Sociodemographic Characteristics of Fathers by Fathers’ Coresidential Status

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